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After a memorable meeting on the road, survivors Luke and Amy head for a possible sanctuary as their new friends extend an invitation. Able to rest easy for the first time in months, Luke soon discovers he will have to fight once again for his life and to protect this safe haven.

Learn more about Luke's past, his fateful flight from Chicago, and just how far he is willing to go to protect his friends and the one he loves.

## **Home Fires Burning Details**

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## **From Reader Review Home Fires Burning for online ebook**

### **Tim Childress says**

This series of books is terrible. The heros are all mary sues, and the world they have created is an NRA members wet dream, where only small town southerners survive, and anyone from the north or a city is an evil raping canibal. This is hateful, death wish inspired, murder fantasy, fan fiction caliber detritus disguised as a post apocalypse novel. If you love Trump, Guns, tinfoil hat conspiracies, and Militia hero worship you will love this book. If you hate the north, hate people who look different from you (oh god its an ethnic with tattoos! he must be a murdering, cannibal, rapist here for our daughters virtue), hate the federal government, or even just centralized authority, and think the civil war was a war of northern aggression you will love this book.

Rating this book with 5 stars should get you put on a watch list.

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### **Jan Nurnberger says**

#### **Great book,great story**

I picked up this series by accident, so I thought I'd give it a try. This series is so great that I was looking at the bio of William Allen checking to see if he had written any other books even before I'd finished .reading Walking in the Rain Book 2

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### **Willow Brooks says**

Yep!!! \*\*\*\*\*5 Amazing Stars\*\*\*\*\*

This was good. The pacing was perfect. The characters were perfect including the extremely smart 16 year old kid!!

I'm so glad that the people who think this book is good are rating as such, because the 1 star reviewers talk about how there is no way the hero can be that smart, and they act angry about it. Duh we've never had an apocalypse either. Good Grief! It's all fiction.

By all means, go read a non fiction book and critique it according to your standards!! Wow I don't get it. You know anything post apocalypse is going to have some out there ideas, so why read and get mad about it.

I'm done.

Please take a chance on this series if you want a small escape from reality, and you like this kind of read.

Where is book 3??

Update: I just found book three. Whew.....

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### **Linda R. Thompson says**

#### **An excellent follow-up to the first book in this series.**

This book is better than the first book in this series. The action is excellent and the characters continue to be well developed. The main thrust of the story continues to focus on the problems small groups of survivors have in maintaining physical safety when there are no reliable authorities to maintain law and order. There is an ongoing focus on battles with gangs of violent predators who are intent on taking whatever they want. There are a number of different scenarios with different outcomes in this book, all of which provide lots to think about. The characters and the situations are believable and well thought out. Highly recommended.

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### **catherine says**

#### **I really tried to like it..**

I read the first book with some scepticism and thought perhaps the second would be a little more realistic or as realistic you can get with fiction. I really tried to like it but come on a 16 year old hero you knows absolutely everything there is to know about all weapons, survival, fixing and every adult cannot make any decision without our hero's advice including the military. Give me a break. The author would have been better off making the character older this is definitely not YA.

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### **Kelly Wade says**

#### **Engaging story**

Loving the story of Luke and Amy and the people they meet on their journey. I enjoy this genre and this is a great story.

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### **june slater says**

#### **Second Time Arround Tho**

this is the second time reading this series . I loved or hated all the characters and cried with them and laughed with them both times Keep up the good work I

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### **Joe Stamber says**

The middle third of William Allen's "Walking in the Rain" that for reasons known only to himself he is

pretending is 3 books. The story continues to be told by Luke, a brash 16 year old who has done everything, been everywhere, knows everything and is invincible. He is also surrounded by an aura (it doesn't say so, be I assume he must be), because instead of saying, "Hey, kid, go play in the sand pit," every adult treats him as if he is a wise old sage. Whenever he comes out with a grown up word, Luke feels the need to justify his knowledge of the word to the reader. Oh dear. He now considers himself engaged to his 14 year old sidekick. Awkward. Luke is some kind of killing machine, so the action scenes become a bit tedious as we listen to him effortlessly dispatching foes who have been fighting longer than he has been alive, one after the other, after the other, after the other... you get the idea. Ho-hum, onto the third and final (please) part.

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### **Sue says**

Home Fires Burning is the second book in the Walking in the Rain series, a dystopian tale of life after the power goes out. Why the power has gone out is currently unknown, but hints of a conspiracy pop up on occasion.

Our hero, Luke, is a 16 year-old boy who was on a school trip to Chicago when everything went wrong. Book One started two months after, with Luke making his way south on foot, hoping to get back to his family in Texas. Conditions have deteriorated to unbelievable lows, with the starving resorting to everything from selling girls to gangs for food to cannibalism. Criminals have free reign, and no one is safe from raping, pillaging, torture for sport, and murder.

Along the way, Luke saves the life of Amy and a couple with a baby. The couple has family in Arkansas. Book Two is set at the Keller family farm in Arkansas. Luke decides to stay at the farm to rest and help before continuing his trek home. A particular criminal element is operating in the area, and the group living at the farm, along with Luke, plan to clean it up.

So far in the series, there isn't much new. The violence here is particularly vicious though. Luke reads as if he were 30. I'm not opposed to the idea that he would have to grow up fast, but it would be nice to see some of that. Also, Luke can do everything. He never fails. He fights like a black belt despite having no training. All of the adults look to him. Other than slitting throats without a qualm, he has no faults.

These are not books for kids. The violence is overwhelming, and a bit of profanity to scattered throughout. But it's a quick, easy read. We'll see what the future holds for Luke and Amy in Book Three.

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### **Stephen says**

Not a bad book. The author can't seem to figure out if he's writing YA Fiction or Adult Fiction. He walks the fine line with having young protagonists cope with adult feelings, emotions, and issues. It's a very interesting set up for an end of the world style series.

Our main character spends this book securing and helping to set up the people he took shelter with in book one. He assists the Arkansas National Guard, and helps slowly put things back in order while trying to line things up so that he can move on toward Texas and finding his family.

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## **Chessy The Cat says**

The Walking in the Rain series, books 1 – 4, were quick reads and I apologize to the author, William Allen, for not reviewing them individually.

Luke is in Chicago on a fieldtrip from Texas to attend a science fair in hopes of earning a scholarship. He is stranded there when the pulse hits. Luke wants to get home, to what he perceives as a safe haven. Northeast Texas is a long walk from Chicago, especially for a sixteen year old boy on his own in a world turned upside down. There is no electricity, no food unless you scavenge for it, and most of all, no law.

The first four books in this series follow Luke as he grows into a man during his horrific journey. These books are riddles with typographical errors which were distracting. Even with the events of the time and the struggles for life and death it was hard to believe that Luke was only sixteen. The story is told firsthand from his point of view and his language skills are on par with a college graduate, not a sophomore in high school.

The story itself is a good one and the characters are well developed. The pace is fast and not for the faint of heart.

3-1/2 stars out of 5.

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## **Joanne says**

This is the second book in the "Walking in the Rain" series of post-EMP life in the US (although I don't think it rained once during the book).

have the same critique as many others; Luke, the sixteen-year-old boy, who is a combination of boy genius, science know-it-all, Navy Seal, Army Ranger, Green Beret, marksman extraordinary, and just an all-around good guy who always does the right thing. He even goes on raids with the National Guard and they look to him for leadership. Could such a person actually exist?

The book wasn't bad. For once in a post-apocalyptic book, there are good people doing good things and trying to re-start civilization. There are also the normal bad guys doing bad things, but Luke is there to stop them. He is also able to help people with PTSD. He is a miracle man, er, boy.

There are a few hints given about what caused the EMP, but no one knows for sure. They are just putting together different pieces of information they heard from different sources. I do want to know the reason because the possibility hinted at is tantalizing. I will read the next book, but I will probably wait until it's a 99cent special.

This is probably the only post-apocalyptic book I have read where there's a doctor (actually a nurse) who tells Luke he is too skinny and malnourished. Well, yeah. It's the apocalypse and there's no food.

I did like that the people in the area are putting their forces together to make sure they can harvest their crops and secure their area. That is usually rare in these books, but if this really happens, it's the only way people are going to survive.

So I'm torn between 3 and 4 stars. I think I'm going with 3 because it is just so unrealistic to have this sixteen-year-old boy leading the recovery of the United States after a disaster. Even if this guy did exist, other people wouldn't accept him as a leader so easily. Three stars.

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### **Linda says**

Truthfully I started this series because when you buy the Kindle version you can purchase the audio for a small fee. This allows me to listen to audio books fairly cheaply and I can save my audible credits for books I deem a must have that are not discounted in any way. I will only continue to follow this series if I can't find something that grabs my interest more.

I do not enjoy series that are written as a ploy to get you to keep buying. Every book in a series should be enjoyed as a complete story that upon concluding makes the reader pant for more. This series is not written that way. To me it feels like this is a chapter in a book. I am really not invested in the characters and do not really care what happens to them.

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### **Jeff says**

The continuing journey of Luke who is wise beyond his years. Action packed dystopian yarn about what happens when the lights go out. Most of it tends to the bad but Luke does stumble into the graces of the Keller family. Farmers, preppers who invite him in to refresh his batteries on his long walk home. We learn small amounts of info about our key characters Luke & Amy. The huge Keller clan was hard to keep straight with the additions that happen.

The story moves pretty well. The action is for the most part one sided, the good guys typically beat the bad guys in epic portions. The language is stronger than I personally care for. There are some strong themes that are not pulled all the way into the daylight thankfully.

I will be reading the next installment soon.

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### **Alan Lee Jennings says**

#### **Book two**

Engagement announcement nice job considering I heard from a little bird you were going to ditch and leave amy with the kellers . What a way to end the book

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